

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: John Thomas Welder

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Group Art Unit: 2192

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MINIMAL DISRUPTION  
DURING SOFTWARE UPGRADE OR RELOAD OF A  
NETWORK DEVICE

Date: September 1, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 8, 2009, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13.